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Their Vertues, Use and Operations: Being the Peculiar Secrets and Aquisitions of the Author.

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ELIXIR *Febrifugum Martis*, is a pleasant Medicine that certainly cures the Plague, Pestilence and all Malignant Feavers ; Biting of Pipers, Serpents, Rattle Snakes, Venereal Tinges, and all inveterate and deadly Poysons whatsoever, whose malignant Ferments it Allays, and extinguisheth in a moment, and never fails to Answer the End desired, as will appear in several Examples hereunto annexed.

It also with great ease speed and safety, cures all confirm'd Rheumatism, Hestick, Quoditian, Putrid, Quartan, Tertian and Intermittent Feavers, Consumptions, Cholicks, Gripping of the Guts, the Spleen and Vapours.

This Elixir is also brought into a Powder by Salt of Lymons ; by which name I call it, and is a Cathartick Acid of Excellent and Universal Use, in all cases that require Purgings. A Dose or Two of it prevents Acute Feavers, and by expelling Filthy Slime and Coagulating Humours out of the Stomach and Bowels, secures the Patient against the return of those multifarious Distempers, and in all Chronical Diseases used as a Succedaneum to my Elixir, totally eradicates Hypochondriack and Scorbutick Affects, and both Restores and Preserves a Sanative Constitution.

These Medicines are the peculiar Secrets and Acquisitions of the Author Mr. Stringer, Chymist and Physitian, Prepared by his own Hand, as is enjoin'd by Hippocrates as a Duty upon all Physitians, and was diligently observed by all Professors of Physick for many Centuries after him ; tho now degenerated into the Barbarous Custom of Prescribing or making Medicines upon a piece of Paper, which they send to Apothecaries Shops, where the Care of making up the Prescriptions and consequently the Patients Lives are trusted to Apothecaries and their Apprentices.

But the Medicines here offered to your Consideration and Experience have been Studiously contriv'd, Revised, and so often Reformed and Meliorated by diligent Observation, long Use, and repeated Probations in divers Eminent Cases, that they bear the nearest Affinity to Universal Medicines, being Generous, Amicable, and comprehensive expedients, for the good of Mankind.

But to wave further Reasoning, Iaveighing against Abuses, or comparing with others : I shall proceed to the matters of fact the greatest Testimony, Assurance, and Satisfaction that can be given of Medicines, by shewing you what these Medicines have done and what in all probability they will constantly perform, if administered according to the Directions given at the end of the Paper.

This Elixir shew'd its Excellency in relation to Poyson, upon one Mr. Philipson, who was bit on the Finger by a Viper in Stocks-Market, at the Sign of the Feathers, now the Cheshire-Cheese, March the 29th 1698, which was kept in a Glais of Braine to be shewn amongst a Collection of Scorpions, Rattle-Snakes, Lizards and other Animal Vegetable and mineral Curiosities, many Physitians and Chyrurgions had in vain attempted his Recovery, but their Medicines proving ineffectual, they left him in dreadfull Convulsions and Contorsions, with an Inflammation in his Bladder, and extreme Swelling in all parts. His whole Body was dyed as Yellow

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as Saffron, his Jaw fallen, he lying in all appearance like a dead Man. In this dismal condition they left him, but upon Anointing his Finger with the Elixir above named, the Pain ceased immediately, and I gave him a hundred and fifty drops of it Inwardly, in a Porringer of Water, and after repeating it three several times, all the deadly Symptoms disappeared, and within an hours time he went home perfectly Recover'd, and still continues in as good Health as ever he enjoy'd.

Here were four things very remarkable. 1st the desperate condition of the Patient. 2^{dly} The expeditious performance of the Cure. 3^{dly} Done by a single Medicine (not variety of irksome Mixtures) where all other usual Prescriptions failed. 4^{thly} At a considerable charge; for had he paid for the Medicine, it would not have cost him above a Shilling which by any other Medicine might deservedly cost many Pounds. This Cure being so suddenly and effectually perform'd, after several Physicians and Chyrurgeons had been baffled in their Attempts upon him; it so happen'd that when I had done the Work, and the Patient almost miraculously Recovering became the discourse of the Town, some of those Physicians and Chyrurgeons, that made themselves Busy about him to no purpose, had the Confidence to claim the Honour of Curing him; which finding redound to the Prejudice of my Self and Medicine, I thought my self Obliged to procure a Testimonial from the Patient himself which he truly gave me in the following Words.

LET this Satisfy all Men, that I being Possen'd by the bite of a Viper in Stocks Market, on the 29th of March 1698. several Physicians, Chyrurgeons and Apothecaries, attempted to Cure me, till they render'd me almost past Recovery, by their unsuccessful Applications; and I had no Ease or any hopes of Life till I was carry'd to Mr. Stringers House in York buildings in the Strand, where by the use of his Elixir only, I was Cured in an Hours time; and to no other Person whatsoever, but to Mr. Stringer only (let who will pretend to it) must I (under God) ascribe the Benefit of my Recovery. To the Truth of which I have set my Hand this 16th Day of November, 1699.

Witness, Robert Smith David Jones Thomas Philpott.

Not long after this Cure was performed, a Servant in his Grace the D of D - Kitchen was bitten in the Finger by a Viper and divers ill symptoms immediately appearing, that Viper and another were Kill'd, and the Young Man according to directions Eat them both, which he was told would be his Cure, but finding the contrary, that he grew extremely Feaverish a great swelling in the Braunce of his Arm and elbow, and another about the Region of his Heart, which by their various Colours gave suspicion that an inflammation was approaching, I was sent for by his Graces Order, and I Anointed the Patients Finger, and the Tumours with my Elixir, and ordering him to drink plentifully of it in Claret Wine left him to take his Rest. Next day I went again to Visit him; but found the Elixir had expelled the Poyson, perfectly allayed all the Swellings, and my Patient was gone abroad to take his pleasure, and Rejoyce at his Deliverance from the Pain and perill of Viper-biting. To this surprizing Experiment, give me leave to add the Success of

man living in *St. Giles's in the Fields*, who was Poyson'd with *Arsenick* and reduced to such a deplorable Condition, that she was given up for dead by the Physicians and Spectators; but was immediately recover'd by twice fifty drops of my *Elixir*, and continues in perfect Health to this Day. A Dog was also Poysoned with the same for an Experiment, and was as speedily Cured by the *ELIXIR*.

It perfectly Eradicates all confirm'd *Scurvies* tho broken out into an *Elephantiasis* or *Leprosie*, and the whole Body be but one entire Scab or scurf from Head to Foot, as it did in the Case of *John Roberts* of *Ruthen*, *John Cloper*, and *Jane Sample*, who were perfect *Lepers*, and yet were restored to Health by the use of these medicines only, in a very short time.

Elizabeth Byard, who had 25 *Pocky Ulcers* upon her was by an order of sessions appointed to Live in a Cabin in the Field, for fear of infecting the Neighbourhood but was by the use of these medicines only, perfectly Cured in a months time, to the great Admiration of all that knew her

I could give hundreds of Examples of both Sexes, who have been Cured of the *French-Pox* by these 2 Medicines in *London*, particularly an *Irish Soldier* who was quarter'd in *Westminster*, and had been Flux'd 3 times by an Able Practitioner, tho to no purpose in the World. He had 14 *Ulcers* upon him with all the other attendants of that Distemper, and yet was Recovered by these medicines in a short time without confinement. In a *Fresso Clap* or *Ghomorhea*, if these medicines be applyed immediately, they will check the spreading malignity in a moment, and perfects the Cures almost, in as short a time as the Disease was procured.

They are of incomparable Vertue against all kind of *Worms*, whether in the Stomach or Bowels in Young or Old. They break the Vermitrick heap, kill the gnawing Animals, and Eradicate those pestiferous Inmates in Slime, with great ease and safety, far beyond the Use of *Mercurial* medicines, which often produce dangerous Effects.

No medicine equals them in the Cure of all kind of *Fevers*, to which they are so peculiarly adapted, that I never knew any miscarry that made use of them. A Lady's Woman in *Chelsey* in the heat of last Summer was assaulted with a violent *Feaver*, which confin'd her to her Bed, and the Distemper was attended by ominous Prognosticks; yet by taking 50 drops of my *Elixir* in a Glass of *White-Wine*, and *Water*, she found Ease; which being 3 times repeated in an hour, her Thirst and *Feaver* were so abated that she rose, went down stairs, and in 2 hours time was perfectly well. The next Day she took a Dose of the *Purging Salt* of *Lymons*, and her *Feaver* returned no more.

A Gentlewoman near *Aldgate*, Languish'd about Two Years under a *Consumption*, and other Concomitant effects that brought her even to the mouth of the Grave. She had the Advice of Sir *Richard Blackmore*, Dr. *Chamberlain* and others, but finding no help by their Prescriptions she applyed her self to the Use of my *Elixir*, took it in her drink and breaths, and by Purging twice a Week with *Salt* of *Lymons*, she recovered her Health in a little time, and still enjoys it.

Mr. Dixon a Painter, hearing that a Neighbouring Lady's Daughter, was

was seized with a violent *Feaver*, and *Small-pox*, and that her recovery was wholly dispaired of; he advised the Lady to give her Daughter some Drops of my *Elixir*, who finding some benefit by the first dose, continued the use of them as directed, and in five days time the young Lady was freed from all the dangerous symptoms of the *Feaver* and *Small-Pox*, and being further advised to Purge after it with *Salt of Lymons*, to carry off the remaining malignity, which too often leaves matter behind which produce new Diseases, she followed that direction, and now enjoys a sanative constitution, after she was given up for dead by her Physicians and Relations.

The same effect these Medicines had upon a *Sope-Boylers* Daughter in *Golden-Lane, London*, who perceiving the *Small-Pox* were breaking out upon her, had recourse to the Medicines, and by taking them early, the *Small-Pox* came out so plentifully and kindly, that she was never Sick all the time they remain'd upon her, and also went off without leaving any *Pits, Scars, or Marks* behind them, and the same effects will the Medicines have upon any Patient, either Young or Old, that takes them at the beginning of the Disease. In one Summer I Cured above 30 of the *Small-Pox*, at a Town called *Wimsfold* in *Leicestershire*, only with these 2 Medicines, and not one died or was *Pitted* that took my Medicines, and not one Recovered that followed other methods.

The Medicines have proved effectual in Curing the *Cholick, Vomiting, Jaundice* and *Fluxes* under every denomination, As for Example Mr. Symson in *Wapping*, was so violently afflicted with the *Cholick*, or rather the *Illiac-Passion*, that the intolerable Pain and Gripings, made him cry out like a Man upon a Rack, almost bending him double, and the frequent returns of this distemper, had reduc'd him to such a state of inactivity, that he was incapable of Business, and Liv'd in continued expectation of Death, at length one of his acquaintance advis'd him take of my *Elixir*, which at the third dose took away all his Pains, set him upright, and then purging with the *Salt of Lymons* to remove the cause, it so happily effected his Cure that he never complain'd of any indisposition since, tho it is now above 2 years since he recover'd. In common *Fluxes*, and *Gripings* it gives ease immediately, as was experienced in the Recovery of many Soldiers that came out of *Ireland*, and brought the Distemper of that Country with them.

A near Neighbour of mine in *Black-Fryers*, was troubled with *Spitting Blood* to so great a degree, that the Learned were of opinion he had broken a *Vessel* in his Lungs, and besides this misfortune, had been long seized with a *Hectick-Feaver*; but by taking 60 drops of my *Elixir* in *Claras* and *Water*, it stopt his bleeding. Next day he took a dose of *Salt of Lymons* which confirm'd his Cure, for he says that every Evening he found himself much stronger, and in a few days after, he perfectly Recovered.

J. P. Master of a Ship living at *Black-Wall*, was seized with the *Yellow-Jaundice*, and notwithstanding all endeavours were employed to Cure him yet the distemper continued so long upon him that he was unable to walk, and sensibly declined every day more and more, insomuch that he refused to take any more medicines, as despairing of Recovery, but being overpersuaded by Captain Longworth, who had experienc'd these

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medicines to take my *Elixir*, he took 50 drops of it twice a day, for a Fortnight without intermission, which perfectly Recover'd him. Not long after he went to Sea, and took a great quantity of both medicines with him, which kept both himself & his Ships company in health when a contagious Distemper reign'd at Barbadoes whither he was bound.

Nor have these medicines been less effectual in curing the *Stone* and *Gravel* in the *Reins* and *Bladder*, in which they give speedy Ease at any time, and by frequent use dissolve the *Stone* and brings away the *Gravel* to admiration. An aged Alderman of *Liverpool*, came up to *London* with a resolution to be cut of the *Stone*, but being brought to me by the Honourable *R. K.* I advised him first to try my medicines, before he under went that dangerous Operation: he consented and took the *Elixir* and *Salt of Lymons* 4 days together, and received so much Ease in that short time, that he quitted his Resolution of being Cut, and returned Home again in a good state of Health.

I always advise the use of both the medicines one after the other, that the Patient sometimes thinks there is no cause for it, but as soon as the Fever or malignity of the distemper is abated they give over the thoughts of any other Process, but that is a dangerous Error, for the Effect will not cease till the Cause is removed; and what is the Office of the *Salt of Lymons*, which evacuates gently by Stool without disturbing or debiliating Nature, but gently and deliberately sending forth all Feculent degenerate or corrupted matter. Radically cleaning and purifying the body from *Flematick*, *Viscous*, *Acrid* or *Corroding* Humours drawing out the breeding or feeding matter of all Diseases, as the best Preventative and curative means, by keeping the Body sweet, clean and wholesome, without the help of Noysome Issues.

They both also Operate by Urine, purging the *Reins* and *Urinary Ductures* sending forth *Gravel*, *Sand* or *Slimy* obstructing matter, giving a free passage and current for Emission of *Sensivity*. They are the most effectual *Aperiteves* against all *Obstructions* (the great complaint of all diseased Persons) some in one part, some in another, *Lungs*, *Liver*, *Mesentry*, *Guts*, &c. From hence multitudes of diseases take their beginning. *Obstructions* cause *Pain*, pain raiseth a *Fever*, and sometimes begets a *Tumour*, *Internal* and not perceived, or becomes *Schirrous* and *Indurate*. All this while our Prescribers upon Paper are Juleping, Glystering, and bleeding the Patient to allay the *Fever*; but the stubborn *Fever* will not yield to their insipid draughts of pretended *Pearl Cordials*, nor the various terms of the *Jesuits-Bark*; whereas this *Elixir* quenches the Heat of *Fevers* in a moment, more effectually than a whole Tun of *Slop Slop Juleps*, which Ignorant process has sent many thousands to their Graves. This is Practising by Rote as *Parrots Talk* and following Custom without Reason or the indignations of Nature: Whereas my medicines Operate by their own innate Vertue and Correspondence with Nature, and therefore can find out a disease when the Physician sees it not, nor knows what to aim at, and assists the Stomack in performing the beneficial Offices of digestion: by disburthening

it from Superfluous, indigested matter, that blunts and decays the Appetite and is the Original of many Diseases.

One Taylor a Mariner, Brother to Sam. that Liv'd at Jonathans Coffee-House in Exchange-Alley, that had been a Voyage to the East-Indies, in which all the Ships Company died except himself, and the Ship was brought Home by fresh hands. At his return his stomach was distended, and stood out in a lump as big as a Loaf, his whole mass of blood was corrupted, his Countenance Pale and Livid, and in the whole was a very frightful Figure: He advis'd with many Physicians of the greatest Reputation, who concluded he was royn'd by some lingering Venom, in which the Indians are great Artists, but could give him no relief. At length he came to me, and I gave him first a drable dose of *Serap.* and continued that course 4 days together, only lessning the quantity every day from the first, and also gave him 60 drops of the *Essence* every Night at bed time in hot Wine, which had such good effects on him, that in 10 days he was perfectly Recover'd, and not long after went to Sea, in a Voyage to the same Country.

A young man, Servant to Mr. Francis Leicester, Resider at New-Hall near Lambeth, about the begining of March 1701 was Poyson'd by the Fumes of Lead, which caus'd great Pains, a dryness in the bowels and continuing long upon him, had so macerated his *Corpusculum*, and vitiated Nature in all its Operations, that he appear'd a very frightful Figure. He being committed to my care, I gave him my *Electary* in all his broaths and drinks, and only Purged him 3 times with my *Electary* Lymons, by which means being perfectly cured, it caus'd a twofold admiration in all that knew him: First that a man given up for dead should be so miraculously restored to Life, and next that it should be done in so short a time, and at such an inconsiderable charge.

No medicine equals them in assisting Nature in the Office of Expectation, and consequently is beneficial in all Diseases of the *Breast* and *Lungs*, and dischargeth the peccant Humour by the help it gives to Nature: It digests tough *Plegma*, opens the Pipes of the *Lungs*, cures *Coughs*, *Whoezings* and *Shortness of Breath*, is good for such as are *Phthisical* or *Asthmatic* and promotes *Transpiration* by removing the Impediments that hinder Nature in that necessary Operation. Mr. Hunger an Ingenieur in the Tower, had such a stoppage and obstruccion in his Lungs, occasioned by those corollive fumes as he Fired the Fire Works in St. James's, at the Celebration of the Peace, that he was almost suffocated, and ready to expire for want of breath. About two months he continued in this miserable condition with a violent cough and continued Pains, and upon the least motion in Walking, there appear'd quantities of *Phlegm* and whitish *Spittle*, streak'd with *Green* and other colors, which was not only noysome to me, but worse to smell: at two months end I undertook him, and gave him the *Electary* and *Electary* Lymons successively. In four Clare, and in less than a month restor'd him to his former Health, and now I am inform'd he is gone to be an Engineer in the State of Venice.

Mr. William Fay of Embsay in Hampshire, was violently afflicted with an

Astma, insomuch that he could not lye down upon a bed, or couch, for many months together: but in the coldest Weather, was forc'd to sit up or kneel in a chair, for if he lay never so little backward he was quite choked, and not brought to Life again but by great difficulty. This cough at last rendred him also extremely *Hydropical*, and the unhappy conjunction of these two distempers made him utterly despair of being recovered; but by taking my Elixir in Wine and Water, and the Salt of *Lymons* in hot Wine his Health was restored. I think he had but an Ounce of each medicine, and so was cur'd at the charge of 5s. 6d. of both those troublesome and dangerous diseases and has continued in health above these 3 Years. Another Person that had a Place in the Tower, whose Name I have no Authority to mention, was severely afflicted with an *Astma*, insomuch that by computing the time, in Twenty three Years he had not been three years in a bed, but Winter and Summer was obliged to pass away the Night in a chair, sometimes Sitting and at other times Kneeling, and oftentime was forc'd to set open all his doors and Windows to give himself breath. At length he was perswaded to make use of my medicines, and by taking two or three doses of Salt of *Lymons* in Water and Sugar, and the Elixir in White-Wine, he was able to lye upon his back and Sleep six Hours together. Others I could name that had *Phrysicks* alone, and *Phrysicks* complicated with dropsies and Fluxes, that have received their cures from the use of these medicines, as Mr Page a Porter at the Knight-marshal Office in His Majesty's Pallace at Kensington, Aged 76 Years, and Mrs. Jordan a Goldsmiths Wife in New Street in Fetter-Lane & but I fear to be too Tedious.

They are also very efficacious in curing deafness, and many have received benefit by the use of these medicines, when all celebrated Nostrums, and the manual Operations of Skillful Artift, have been rendred unsuccessful, as I could prove at large by many Instances, which I shall now omit, to tell you of one that happened very lately. my Father who Lives at Loughborough in Leicestershire, had been deaf for many months and by reason of his Age was in no expectation of being cured but having some few drops of my Elixir by him, and knowing it had done good to others in the like case, was resolv'd to try the Experiment, and causing five or six drops of my Elixir to be dropt into his Ears, at twice using it, his Hearing was entirely restored.

Mr. Oliver Cromwell making me a visit the other day, with a *Turkey* merchant, he was pleas'd to tell me that a Friend of his had been tormented with a violent pain in his Head, 3 days and nights successively without intermission, and finding no help from his Physicians Mr Cromwell perswaded him to apply the coronal Sutures or the open of his Head with my Elixir, which he said perfectly cured his Friend, in less time than he was acquainting me with it.

May 1700 A Goldsmiths daughter in the burrough of Southwark about 7 or 8 years Old was exceedingly handled with convulsions, accompanied with strange convulsions, dismal shriekings, foaming at the mouth, with other concomitant Passions, that sometimes attend that distemper,

so that many were of opinion she was bewitch'd, or as the vulgar phrase it, under an Ill Tongue, many Remedies internal and external were employed to relieve her, but proving ineffectual, confirm'd some in the Opinion there was fascination in the case ; but they were soon confuted by giving her about 30 drops of my Elixir, which immediately vanquished all their ill symptoms, and restored her to Health, and gave the child's Father such a good opinion of the medicines, that he made use of no other Remedy to cure himself of a Rheumatism, and has successfully commended them to others, that were afflicted with the same distemper.

One Example more I cannot omit for its Notoriety, and that was of a Young Gentlewoman under the Princes Chambers, near the House of Lords about 22 Years of Age, who by a fall in the Street, being almost at her Time *Miscarried*, and being unskillfully treated by her *Midwife*, was reduced in six months time to such a degree of Weakness, that her condition was deplorable, she was not able to turn her self in her Bed, and all her Friends and Relations were under sad apprehensions of losing her, but she being at last recommended to my Care, I gave her five Doses of my *Elixir*, and purged her thrice with *Salt of Lyons* which brought away the Rotten peices and putrid Clotted matter, which the *Elixir* had prepared for expulsion, and so effectually cleans'd and heal'd the parts affected, that in 3 weeks time she went abroad, and so continues in perfect Health, who before was scarce out of Bed in Three months, and the Sinews of her Hams was very much *Contracted*.

Mrs. De la Clew, Living in *Wistminster*, Aged between 95 and 96, was severely Afflicted with the Diseases of Old Age, had lost her Smelling and Taste for many Years, had great pains in her Limbs, a stoppage at the Stomach, shortness of Breath, and a Cancerous Tumour in her right Breast ; which concatenation of Distempers made her almost incapable of motion, and her shortness of Breath had almost suffocated her : which a Friend perceiving, gave her a few drops of my *Elixir* in hopes to make her Breath more freely, and perceiving it had Effect, gave her a Dose or two more, which quite took off her Pains, cured her Breast, restored her Taste and Smelling, and so wonderfully gave her the use of her Limbs, that she now can nimbly ascend 3 or 4 pair of Stairs, and walk abroad on her necessary Occasions. This rare Example in so Old a Person, tho' for brevities sake I have omitted hundreds of others, I was unwilling to conceal ; that the Aged might not despair of Help, nor languish under the Burden of such Distempers, as are incident to decaying Bodies, when an excellent Curative and preservative medicine offers it self to their Assistance.

A Servant maid living with a Gentleman belonging to the *Bank of England*, had lost the sense of Smelling for 20 years ; but by snuffing up some of the *Salt of Lyons* into each Nostril, at her going to Bed, and taking a Dose of the *Elixir*, was so relieved, that the next morning she was strangely surpris'd at the various Smells with which she was accosted, that she neither knew how to demean her self, or express them ; and for this and many other reasons, in cleansing the Head and Brains, I recommend it as the best *Snuffing-Powder* that can be used.

Having thus briefly shew'd you the vertue of these medicines in relation

to some internal Distempers, for to name all I have good Authority for, were to swell this Advertisement into a Large Volume : I shall next Proceed with the like brevity, to acquaint you with their Vertues in Relation to Externall maladies, in which they are no less prevalent than in the former.

I begin with *Pustules*, or an Extraordinary *Redness* in the Face which tho' it often happens to great Drinkers ; yet it is as often a Disease in Temperate and sober Persons, proceeding from a *Craffis* in the Blood, and want of a good *Digestion* ; both which may be easily cured by these medicines, without trouble, Eve-fore or danger. A Reverend Parson of remarkable sobriety and Abstinence, thinking a *Red Face* was a scandal to his Profession, consulted a Physician in London, of no mean Character about the Cure of it, who after a few dilatory Essays, lengthen the time and augment the number of his Visits, prescrib'd him a *Mercurial Wash*, which rather inflamed than mitigated the *Redness*, and began to Ulcerate the *Pustules*, which put the Patient into a fright, for suffering Curiosity *To make the Cure worse then the Disease*: where upon advising with me, I ordered the Patient to take a Dose of the *Salt of Lymons* twice a Week in Fountain Water with a little Sugar, and to touch the Pimples and *Pustules* every Night at Bed time with the *Elixir*. To this course I added the holding about the quantity of a grain of Corn of the *Salt of Lymons* in his mouth, which drain'd the *Glands* of the *Vicious Juice* that caus'd the Inflammation, and by following this method 15 Days, the *Pimples* and *Redness* disappered, and a new *Cutis* covered her Face without any sign of *Redness*, and so continues.

The same effect the *Elixir* has upon other Inflammations, and never fail to Cure an *Erisipelas*, *St. Anthony's-Fire*, the *Shingles*, *Ring-Worms*, *Tetters* and *Scald-Heads*, or such like Diseases in the Skin, Old *Ulcers*, *Scabbed* and *Running-Sores*, are commonly the scandal of *Chyrurgeons*, and rarely submit to a perfect Cure, but if heal'd up in one, break out in another ; but this *Elixir* never fail'd of Curing any Old *Sore* or *Ulcer*, tho' of 20 years standing ; and if the Patient purges throughly with *Salt of Lymons* after the *Elixir* has dry'd up and Skin'd the *Sore*, it will never break out again. This puts me in mind of an extraordinary Case ; A poor man in *Long Whatton* in *Leicestershire*, who above six Years since, had *Worms* bred in his Legs, in which he had seldom less than twenty Holes at a time, so wide that one might have turn'd his Finger in any one of them, and as one *Worm* died, the Hole heal'd up, whilst others bred in fresh places of his Leg. In this sad Condition he continued a long time, all men pitying, but none were found that could Cure him ; till by dropping some few drops of my *Elixir* once a day into the *Ulcers*, and then in a short time he was perfectly Recovered.

They also never fail curing of any kind of *Burn* or *Scald*, the part being anointed with the *Elixir*, and the Body kept Cool and Open by Purging with the *Salt of Lymons*, to prevent a Defluccion of Humours in the Part affected. my *Iron-Founder*, pouring a Ladle full of melted *Iron* out of the *Furnace* into the mould, by a mischance, let it fall into his Shooes which being pull'd off, and my Self being present, I anointed his Feet with my *Elixir*, which immediately took out the Fire, and his Pain utterly vanish'd in the space of five minutes or less.

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I have Read your peice of Experiments wherein are many wonderfull Cures, but you do not mention the Gout, which makes me admire you should omit the great Cures you have so expeditiously Perform'd : Especially that in the Year 1690. on Mr. Ralph Hindcock, near New-Chappel in our Parish when he had been Bedrid with the Gout, a great while and very Knotry, as well also Ann Homerley, and several others long Afflicted with Sciatica's and severe Rheumatism : And although it is Eleven Years since you left our Parts, they have had no returns of their Gouts, but remain in good Health. I think you do not, the World your Self and Family Justice in concealing your Knowledge in the Gout, for altho' these are so well known hereabout, yet they not Echo so far as they ought ; I desire you to send me six Bottles of your Elixir Febrifugium, Martis and four Ounce Boxes of your Sale of Limons with two Bottles of your excellent Nephthes Febrifugium Martis, by Newcastle Carrier, and he will Pay you for them upon delivery. I am your affectionate Friend Henry Barn.

Woolington Parish near Newcastle Under-Line. October 8th 1701.

TO this I Answer, that the unreasonable Practices and blundering Methods taken in Gouts, have rendred that Cure so incredible, that nothing less than a Gilded-Coach and Six, with 100 Experiments too can Convince them, all which I had not before, tho I have now at their Service, I will for 100l. per Annum : keep any Person free from Gout and Rheumatism within 10 miles of L O N D O N and find Medicines, and forfeit 5s. for each Hour they lye in Pain in any Fit after I have sufficient Notice, and two hours Opportunity to Administer my Medicines (which require no Confinement.)

Ann Clem s, a Felmongers Wife, at Nantwich in Cheshire, as she was undressing her Child on the 4th of April, was struck with a Paralytick Dislemper, which took away her Speech, and deprived the extreame parts of sense and motion ; In this deplorable Estate she continued till the 7th of May, at which time I ordered her to be Anointed with my Elixir, from the mould of her Head to the bottom of her Back-bone, and both the Palms of her Hands, and the Soles of her Feet ; to purge with Sale of Limons, and to take Elixir inwardly in all her Drinks, and Broaths, which being Observed according to Direction, she recovered her Speech in 48 Hours, and in a Fortnight after was Restored to the Use of her Limbs. Another instance in the Pulse, was upon Mr. Bridgman an Ancient Man, Living within Cripple-gate London, who had lost the use of his Right Hand and Arm, and had no sense of feeling in it ; to him I prescribed the same course as to the Patient next before Named, and it had the same effect ; but much sooner, for he was perfectly recovered in less than two Days.

The Medicines are good Remedies for Weakness, and pains in the Back, Loins, Genitals, occasioned by Spermatick wastings in both Sexes, by cleansing and purifying the viciated parts that oppress Nature, which being removed, assist her in gaining strength and Vigor. Those that are molested with Venereal Diseases, ought to esteem these Medicines as precious Jewels : First because they enable every Man to be his own Physician, and secondly in respect of Privacy, for they hinder no Man from following his Business at home or abroad, without the nearest Relations perceiving they are taking Physick, keeping their own Counsel.

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Such as are accustomed at certain Seasons of the Year, to take Preventive Physick, to keep their Bodies clean and wholesome if they please to take their Medicines, may lay aside the Use of Dye-Drinks, Pills and Potions, for nothing is so fit, nor will more effectually answer that intention, since they Operate so calmly and pleasantly, that the weakest Persons, Women with Child, or the youngest Children, may take them with benefit : for by continual proofs of their Virtues, more stress may be laid upon them in these cases, than upon any two Medicines in the World. Another great conveniency in these Medicines, is, that they are Portable, and may be always carried about a Man with as little Trouble as a Watch, or a Snuff-Box, and so are commodious for Travellers upon a Journey, without hazarding their Lives among strange Physicians and stranger Medicines. Riding hard, and long Journeys, especially among Gentlemen and Citizens, that are not us'd to that Fatigue, often throw Men into Fevers, and with a little unskilful handling into their Graves, which may be prevented by carrying these Medicines in your Pocket, which drive away a Fever in a few Hours, and alſo enables the Traveller to pursue his Journey cheerfully, as you will see by and by.

Nothing is more wanting in Fleets at Sea, in Armies on Land, and in Hospitals, than these Medicines, for they will dexterously Act the part of the skilful Chyrurgeon, in such parts where neither his Eye can discern, nor his Hand come to help the Patient, and will do all the Work themselves by drawing off and evacuating all offending and feeding Humours which in Wounds, Contusions, Imposthumes and Sores, keep them from healing. Sir P. T. Kt. Riding Post, two Days and Nights, threw himself into such a violent Fever, that he was scarce able to sit on his Horse ; but calling to mind he had a Bottle of my Elixir in his Pocket, he alighted at a Spring and fill'd the Tin-Box he kept the Elixir in ; in which Water he dropt fifty Drops of the Elixir into it, and repeating the same Dose, five miles further in his Stage, his Fever vanish'd, he found himself very Lightsome and finish'd his Journey with great Ease and Satisfaction.

Besides the Cathartick quality, the Salt of Lymons is endowed with, it is an excellent Dentrifice : If you do but touch an Aching Tooth with this Salt, it often takes away the Pain : If Rotten, Black, or Stinking, it makes them Clean, White and Sweet, only by rubbing the Gums every other Night with it, and Cures the Scurvy in the Gums by putting the quantity of a grain of Corn of it in the mouth, which will immediately be full of Water, with which gargle your mouth, forcing it strongly through your Teeth, and it will both preserve Teeth and Gums, to a very Old Age.

As soon as you perceive the usual Symptoms of the Small-Pox appear, viz. Pains in the Head and Back, cold Shiverings, Vomitting and sometimes a Rapid Fever, whether it be Morning, Noon, or Night, first purge with Salt of Lymons, which will forthwith relieve Nature by expelling the offending Humour ; afterward give from 30 to 60 Drops of the Elixir in White-Wine and Water if the Fever be vehement ; proportioning the Drops according to the Age of the Patient, while the Pustules are coming out give them at least three or more times in a Day and Night, but when you give them so often, give them in somewhat lesser Quantities. When

he Pox come out kindly give the Drops but twice in a Day in a Decoction of Vetches, made of White-Wine and Water. When the Pox begin to dry and the Feaver is abated, anoint the Scabs on the Face with the Elixir, to prevent them from Pitting, and disfiguring the Face, when all the ill Symptoms are vanished, and your Patient is fit to walk abroad, Purge him three times together with the Salt of Lymons without Intermission, to carry off the Dregs of the Distemper while the Humors are on Float, least by giving them time, they settle and grow into a Disease for the future, for want of Purging of the Reliques of the Distemper, as too commonly happen for want of the Care aforesaid. If the Small-pox are fallen Flat, or run into a Flux, give the Elixir in Claret scalded with some Saffron in it. But Purge not.

DIRECTIONS for taking the Elixir Febrifugum Martis and SALT of LYMONS.

THIS Elixir, is to be taken in Feavers, in a Glass of Wine and Water, or either alone, from 40 to 80 drops, according to the largeness of the draught or the greatness of the Patients Thirst : and repeated often till the Feaver is abated, and their Thirst gone : and if the Feaver is abated Purge twice or thrice with the Salt, which prevents the return of the Feaver.

In Apoplexies, Pains of the Head, Calentures, Deliriums, and in violent Feavers, anoint the Open of the Head, the Nape of the Neck, and the Pit of the Stomach, sparingly with the Elixir, it forthwith as with a Charm Eases the Pain and Restores the Sences.

In Bites of Vipers, Serpents, or any Venemous Things, it is to be taken as in Feavers ; and the Part Bitten, or Venomed, anointed with it.

In Venereal Cases, if the Clap be newly Taken, drink the Elixir plentifully in Wine and Water, Purging with Salt of Lymons. or my Antivenereal Past 3 times or more gradually Let the Patients, if they find cause for it wash the Parts more particular affected, with 4 parts Water and one of Elixir, and if there be occasion to make use of Injections, do it with the same mixture, and you will find Ease suddenly ; but when all the ill Symptoms are abated, don't forget to Purge well after it, for fear of any dregs of the Distemper should stay behind, and return with greater malignity and Danger. But if the Pox be old and attended with Shankers, Nodes, Bubo's. &c. then the Elixir must be taken constantly in all their common drink, and the Salt of Lymons must be taken three times in a Week, for a Month together, nay tho' the Symptoms abate sooner, yet the Patient must continue his course without Intermission : for it is harder matter to dislodge one old Pox than to cure ten new Claps, and therefore the greater Care must be taken

In Rheumatism's, Fits of the Gout, Hypochondriack Affects and Vapours, it is to be drank plentifully 50 or 60 Drops at a time in Wine and Water ; and it quickly thins and changes the whole Serum of the Blood, and takes off the Pains, and to prevent returns, Purge with the Salt of Lymons.

In Plurities, Quinsies, suddain inward Pains, and Wounds, drink it in good Claret warm (or other good Vulnerary Drink) as Tart as the Patients Pallie will admit : It performs all that Dr Colbatches Vulnerary Tincture can in the last, and cures the former more instantly then Bleeding.

In Consumptions, Heetick Feavers, and inveterate Pryticks, it is to be taken

in drink the Patient drinks, especially at meals; but they should drink but sparingly, and then drink *White-Wine* or *Water*, sometimes *Old hock* with a little *Canary*, and a few drops of *Elixir*; and once or twice a week purge with this *Electuary*, Conserve of *Hops* 2 Ounces, *Sirrup* of *Clove-Gilliflowers* and *Sirrup* of *Alkermes*; of each 2 ounces half an Ounce of *Salt of Lymons*. 3 drops of *Oyl* of *Cinnamon*. 4 drops of *Oyl* of *Mint*, exactly mixt and take the quantity of 2 *Nutmegs* in a Morning, they'l Purge gently; it evacuates gently all the tough *Flegm* which obstructs and inflames the *Lungs* and *Bowels*.

For the *Worms* in *Old* or *Young*, let them drink the *Elixir* in all their *Drinks* and *Broaths*, and Purge twice at full and change of the *Moon*, with *Salt* of *Lymons*. This *Elixir* taken in an *Evening's Draught* makes the *Red-Wine* drink like true *French Beer* or *Ale*, drink grateful and pleasant. In *sprains*, *Burns*, or *Scalds*, anoint the part and it Cures forthwith. In *Ulcerations* touch the part, or drop some into the *Ulcers* it disposes it to heal and diluted into *Water*, und the part bathed with it, takes of all *Inflammations*. *Ancient Curns*, *Warts* or *Wens*, with the *Elixir*, takes them away. Also makes *hard Hands* soft as *Lady's*, if Rubb'd every *Night* with it, yet makes *strong Skin* on places apt to Chafe. In *Dropsies* it is to be drunk 50 or 60 drops in *Old Hock*, *Rhenish Wine*, *Rich Syder*, or *strong Stale Beer*, and let the Patient Drink sparingly.

THE general method of taking the *Salt* of *Lymons*, to purge, is in the Morning early in *Water*, with a spoonful of *Sugar*, or burnt *White-Wine* and *Sugar*, or in half a Pint of *Ale* and *Sugar*, or any other Convenient Vehicle that best agrees with the Patients palatit, and the nature of the *Dysenter* or is to purge strongly, in a *Sirrup* of *Buckshorn*, *Elder*, *Violets* or *Roses*, *Honey* or *Treacle*. The general Dose, for a *Man* or *Woman* is a quarter of the Ounce Box, but to *Children* half a quarter of it more or less, according to their Age and strength, you must not omit *Sugar* in all Ages and Sexes. The *Salt* of *Lymons* is also an excellent *Sternutory*, and much quicker, effectual safe and pleasant, then any other stuff usually sold. This purges all tough Excrements, whatsoever, and turns them to *Water* in 3 or 4 hours with great ease and gentleness, and requires no confinement, in the hottest or Coldest Weather nor great draughts of *Pesset-Drink*.

February 18th 1701. From the *Sugar-Loaf* in *Pye Corner* near *Smithfield*.

S I R,

I have Cured several of *Scall Heads*, with your *Elixir Febrifugum Martis*, one which had it in a Lamentable manner for above 20 years: I anointed his Head with it, and gave it in all his *Drinks* and *Broaths*, and Purg'd him twice a Week with your *Salt* of *Lymons*. I have likewise Cured several of *Rheumatism's*, *Fevers*, and several Diseases, and in *Burns*, *Scalds*, *Wounds* and *Bruises*. I have made many successful Experiments with them, and I ought not to omit his Curing of *Warts*, *Wens*, and *Corns*. I have done several great Cures amongst the Diseases of the *Eyes*, with your *Eye-Water*, which very far exceeds all other Colitions I ever met with, and it ought to be effectually published to the World, and if you please to Print this; I will give any body that inquire of me further Confirmation of every particular, and am, Sir, your Real Friend

Francis Stafford.

S I R,

My old *Dysenter* the *Dropsie*, that you cured me of about 3 Years ago, by a Cured habit of temperance is again return'd, and my Legs and whole Body are now like the poor *English* at *Amboyna*, under the cruel Punishment of a *Dutch Water Rack*. Besides this malady our Country Doctors say I am attack'd by a dam'd hard *Ward* they call

call a Cachexia, which if in continuing the siege it turns into the Yellow Jaundice, I must surrender the Garrison to the Worms, and make a step into the dark that I am but very ill provided for. If upon this consideration, and the Money I have sent you to Pay for them, that you would please to send me a Reprieve from this sentence of our Country Doctors, in 3 Bottles of your Elixir Martis; if I Live, I will drink every Tear a score of our Country Milk-sop young Gentlemen into the same condition, and send them to you to be Cured out of pure gratitude for my own Recovery: I remember the Droppe seiz'd me in London by drinking of Claret, and you Cured me by ordering me to take your Elixir constantly in the same Liquor, so I had my Cure, and yet was indulged in my dear Debauchery, which was a double kindness, and will be so esteemed by all Men of my Complexion, who are extremely fond of their Vices, and only desire health that they may enjoy them with a better gusto, now sir since the Peace and our being reduced to half Pay, we cannot reach that Noble Liquor Red, but are forc'd to take up with a Decoction of Barley, under the Names of Stout and Three Threads, and glad we can purchase that; Therefore I would fain know, if I may not take your Elixir in those Country Liquors, as formerly I did in Claret, when Fighting was in Fashion; for I am of the Opinion the Medicine is most effectual, when the Vehicule is pleasant and Approved. You see Sir what an ill Predicament I am in, that am almost Dead with Drinking, and yet to save my Life cannot abstain from that wretched Swinish custom of Gulling. Good Sir to what you can to cure my Body, and if I Recover, I will endeavour to mend my Life, and be thankful to God, and Dr. Stringer for it, in quality of his.

Humble Servant

Nottingham. November 12th 1700.

E. Prior.

To Mr. Stringer, at his Refineries in the High Peak, Derbyshire.

Dear Sir,

When you Resided at Gloucester Hall in Oxford, I had the Honour to be Instructed by you in the noble study of Chymistry, and can only Lament my Misfortune in being snatch'd away from the University, before I arriv'd to a greater proficiency in so useful and excellent a Science; however I had the advantage of seeing the good Effect of the Elixir Martis, and Salt of Limons, in many nice Cases, where Men of figure were unsuccessful; coming to London not long since I was seiz'd with a violent Fever, and a Concatination of other Distempers, too long to be mentioned here. I had the Advice of several Physicians without any success, at last bethinking my self of your Medicines, I procur'd from a place in Town where they are sold; Enc had not the happiness to find you, I continued to take your Elixir three times a Day in White Wine or Water, for the space of a Week: then I Purged twice with your Salt of Limons, which quite took away my Fever and all it's dreadful symptoms. After that I took another Bottle of your Elixir, by which I am restored to as good a state of Health, as ever I enjoy'd in my whole Life; Now hearing where you Resided in the Peak, I thought fit to give you Notice of this great Cure; and also desire you send me a quantity of both your Medicines to keep by me for my own Use, and wherewith I may be sometimes useful to my Neighbours, and in so doing you will Oblige sir,

Your very Humble Servant

From Dr. Knipes at Westminster
School, May 2. 1697.

John Flower.

S I R,

Port Royal, Jamaica, October the 29th 1699.

IN my last I gave you an Account by the *Richard* and *Sarah*, that Dr. *Thread-wax*, and other Physicians, have made Tryal of your *Elixir Febrifugum Martis* and have found it very effectual in removing all kind of Fevers in a little time, and that then I had sold but few of your Medicines, because it was not commonly known among the People ; but now some having made use of them, with good Success, they have Communicated their Vertues to the rest of the Inhabitants, and it is much enquir'd for, and goes of at five Shillings a Bottle. It is found by Experience to be a great preserver of their Negroes, from malignant Fevers, which they are very subject too ; and therefore I desire you to send by the next Return a good Quantity, both of your *Elixir* and *Salt of Lyons* ; for you need not fear the Sale of them at a good Price, for they are now grown into Reputation, by the Experience that is daily made of them, &c. Yours to Command,

Robert Bevios.

S I R,

To Mr. Kittridge, in the Temple.

YOU may remember when I was last in London, you went with me to the House of one Mr. *Moses Stringer* ; of whom I had some Drops called *Elixir Martis* against my *Asthma* ; I have found a great deal of good by it, but I hear he is Removed from the House wherein he did Live so that I know not how to send to him : I desire the kindness of you, if you know where he Lives, to send me an Account of the Place he Lives at, that I may know how to send to him for some more of his *Elixir Martis* ; I desire your speedy Answer, so I Rest,

Your Friend,

Empshot, September 21st 1700.

William Pay.

Mr. *Kelsey* Quarter-Master of his Grace the D. of *Scombergs* Regiment of Horse made successful Experiments with these Medicines, amongst which a Woman at *Godlyman* in *Surrey*. run an Iron Scure through her Hand, he being present dropt the *Elixir* into both ends of the Wound, and bound it up, and it was well the next Day. At the same Place a Possillion was playing with a Stone Horse, who gave him a Horse buss, Bitt a Peice out of his Chin, and knock'd out one of his Teeth, so that there were both Wound and Bruise, this Gentleman dress it with my *Elixir*, which took away the Bruise, and his Chin in 2 days was covered with a Skin, without Seams, Wrinkles, or Scars, only a dimple Chin. He affirms that he Cured abundance of the Small Pox in the same Town, and that none that took this Medicine either Lied or were Pitted, although abundance others Died that took it not.

THE *Elixir* is Sold at half a Crown a Bottle, each Bottle containing an Ounce. The Salt of Lyons at Three Shillings an Ounce, or Twelve Pence the Box, each Box, being a Dose of Two Drams, and may be had at my House in Black-Lions, at the Sun Coffee-House by the Navy Office, at *Georges's* Coffee-House, near the Upper End of the Hay-Market. At Mr. *Richard Stringer's* in *Loughborough* in *Leicestershire*, and no other place in London to prevent Cheats. And those that please to Sell, or Export them, may have an Abatement of 1s. Per Cent.

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